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REQUEST FOR REFUND

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.28(b), Applicant respectfully requests a refund in the amount of \$780.00 for overpayment of filing fees for a small entity. Applicant electronically filed an Appeal Brief and a Three-month Extension of Time on September 8, 2008, for which the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) erroneously charged Deposit Account No. 06-1130 in the amount of \$1,560.00 for large entity filing fees. Applicant should have been charged the filing fees for a small entity in the amount of \$780.00. A copy of the Deposit Account Statement showing that Applicant paid the USPTO the large entity status amount of \$1,560.00 is attached hereto.

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As grounds, therefore, Applicant includes herewith an Assertion of Small Entity Status.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests a refund in amount of \$780.00 be credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

Respectfully submitted,

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ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY

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Sir:

I hereby assert that the Assignee, Interventional Therapies, is a small entity and is entitled to small entity status.

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